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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Nobuhiro MISHIMA for CODER.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



CODING	METHOD, PROGRAM, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING DATA COMPRESSION RATIO.		
[]	Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.		
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Also	enclosed are:		
[X]	sheet(s) of [X] formal [] informal drawing(s);		
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Basic Application Fee					
Total Claims	27	MINUS 20 =	7	× \$18.00 (103) =	126.00
Independent Claims	9	MINUS 3 =	6	× \$80.00 (102) =	480.00
If multiple dependent clai	ms are prese	ented, add \$270.00	(104)	·	
Total Application Fee					1,316.00
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